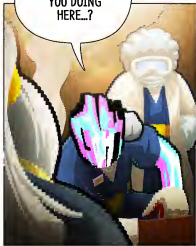


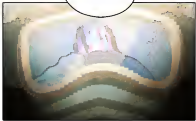


YOU?!

WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
HERE...?



...AH.



I WAS  
JUST GOING ON  
A WALK.



**BOOM**

YOU WALKED  
ALL THE WAY  
HERE?!

BOSS,  
WE ACTUALLY HAVE  
A NEW BLOCK  
DISTRIBUTOR...



GRAB

I THINK IT WILL  
BE PERFECT FOR  
THE PUZZLE DEPT.



WHY DON'T YOU  
END IT HERE FOR THE DAY,  
AND COME AND TAKE  
A LOOK?

.....

I  
UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL,  
BUT SHE'S TOO IMPORTANT FOR US  
TO JUST END OUR RELATIONSHIP  
WITH HER. THERE'S ALWAYS  
NEXT TIME.

WHISPER





A comic panel featuring two characters. On the left, a man with short, light-colored hair is shown in profile, looking towards the right. He has a serious expression. On the right, a woman with long, dark hair is partially visible, her face mostly in shadow. The background is a warm, brownish-orange color. A large, white speech bubble is positioned above the man, and another is below the woman. The word "STEP" is written in large, bold, white letters in the center of the panel, with a small white double-line mark below it.

YOU...  
I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT YOU HAVE  
PLANNED...

**STEP**

BUT YOU SHOULD BE  
AWARE OF A HIERARCHY  
EVEN BETWEEN DIFFERENT  
DEPARTMENTS.



IF YOU KEEP GIVING  
ADVICE AROUND CARELESSLY,  
YOU WILL BE REMOVED  
IN AN INSTANT.



A close-up, high-contrast image of a character's face. The character has a large, glowing blue eye. The image is pixelated and has a dark, moody atmosphere.

I'LL  
KEEP THAT IN  
MIND.

A character wearing a blue and white suit with a mask is shown from the chest up. They are looking upwards with a concerned expression. The background is dark and blurry.

YEAH...  
YOU REALLY  
SHOULD.

**HISS**

WHO THE  
HELL WHISPERS  
SO LOUDLY?





I DIDN'T THINK  
I NEEDED TO HIDE  
MY RESPECT FOR  
YOU

HA!

THIS IS AN HONOR...  
HEARING FLATTERY  
FROM THE INFORMANT OF  
THE GUARDIANS...

AH,  
SO YOU KNOW  
ME?



HOW WOULD  
I NOT KNOW THE  
TOP DOG IN THE  
AREA?

PEEK



**GAME  
MASTER  
CONTINUE**



THE  
GUARDIANS  
OPERATING POLICY...  
EQUIPMENT... SYSTEMS...  
I HEARD IT'S IMPOSSIBLE  
TO FIND A PLACE  
YOU HAVEN'T  
INFLUENCED?



CONTINUE...?  
GAME MASTER...?



I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT YOU WERE  
EXPECTING FROM  
HELPING ME GET  
RID OF THAT  
NUISANCE...

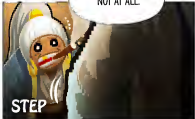
**HISS**

BUT I  
DON'T TRUST  
GUARDIANS.

SO IT'S NOT  
UNREASONABLE  
IF I DON'T TRUST YOU.  
THE ONE THAT LAID THE  
FOUNDATIONS FOR THE  
WHOLE ORGANIZATION.  
IS IT?

*HISS*



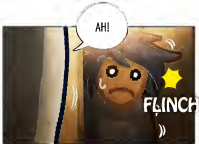




I'LL BE  
COMING BACK  
OFTEN.

STEP

STEP



SO YOU'RE  
HEXOMINO,  
SIR.



H-HOW  
DID YOU...?

I HEARD  
YOU ARE EXTREMELY  
GOOD LOOKING, SIR.

**FUMBLE**

HERE...  
THIS IS MY NEW  
INVENTION.

**RUSTLE**

...CANDY...





**OHH  
DON'T GIVE  
HIM ANYTHING  
WEIRD!!**

**AH,  
SO YOU KNOW  
ABOUT IT.**



IT'S  
WEIRDLY  
DELICIOUS,  
YOU SEE.



PLEASE TELL  
ME HOW IT IS  
WHEN I COME  
BACK HERE.



\_IS  
WHAT HE  
SAID.\_

CRUNCH

S...SO...

CONTINUE  
GAVE YOU THIS  
CANDY\_?

YEAH.





DON'T EAT !!  
HOW COULD YOU  
WASTE IT LIKE  
THAT?!

HE TOLD  
ME TO TRY IT  
THOUGH.

HOW DARE?!

I SEE...!  
SO HE'S FAMOUS...



THE GAME  
MASTER CONTINUE!  
HE BASICALLY CREATED  
THE GUARDIANS  
BY HIMSELF!!

WOW---!  
I CAN'T BELIEVE  
SOMEONE LIKE THAT  
VISITED YOU GUYS IN PERSON.  
YOUR FAMILY MUST  
BE AMAZING!!

HAHA...  
NAH.

WELL,  
I GUESS IT'S  
EVERYONE BUT  
ME...

I CAN'T  
DO ANYTHING  
RIGHT...



I CAN'T  
EVEN GROW WOOD...  
JUST THESE  
WEEDS...

WEEDS..?



AH!  
SO IT WASN'T  
A WOOD  
SPROUT?!



YEAH.  
I GUESS IT WAS  
JUST MIXED IN  
WITH THE DIRT.

A pixelated cartoon character of a dog with brown fur, large black eyes, and a small black nose. It has a small black and white striped hat on its head. The character is holding a green bottle in its right paw. The background is a dark, textured brown.

SCRATCH

BUT  
YOU SAID YOU  
GAVE IT WATER, RIGHT?  
ISN'T THAT HOW YOU  
GROW WOOD?

—

WELL, I WAS TOLD  
THAT WOOD SHARES  
CORDIALITY.



SO IF I REALLY  
CARE ABOUT WOOD,  
THEY'LL GROW REGARDLESS  
OF WHAT I GIVE  
THEM.

AND THE WOOD  
THAT RECEIVES CORDIALITY  
REMEMBERS EVERYTHING...



APPARENTLY  
ITS FORM DEPENDS  
ON THE SINCERITY OF  
THE CORDIALITY THEY  
RECEIVE...

AND THE WOOD THAT  
RECEIVES THE CORDIALITY  
THAT HAS THE MOST  
HIGH PURITY...



—!

BECOMES  
THE SO CALLED FINAL WOOD,  
"THE LINE SHAPE WOOD".

AND  
BECAUSE THEY'RE  
SO HARD TO GROW,  
THEY'RE ALWAYS IN  
DEMAND...

THAT'S WHY I,  
I WANTED TO GROW  
THEM TO BE A  
HELP...

...BUT...





STOP!

TAP

YOU STILL  
CREATED A LIFE!  
THAT'S STILL  
IMPORTANT!



BUT  
WEEDS ARE  
USELESS.

WHY?!  
WEEDS CAN.

WEEDS CAN..!

UH..UM..!  
WEEDS CAN  
ALSO..!

***FINE!!***

**TH**

**UD**

IF YOU  
GROW IT UP TO HERE,  
I'LL GIVE YOU  
A REWARD!!



TA DA

WHAT...  
DOES THAT HAVE  
TO DO WITH HOW USEFUL  
A WEED IS...?

**SHUT UP!!**  
**THIS WORLD IS FULL**  
**OF UNPREDICTABLE**  
**THINGS!!**

**HMPH!!**

**SOMETHING'S  
ONLY USELESS BECAUSE  
ITS USE HASN'T BEEN  
FOUND YET!!**



**AND YOU CAN'T  
JUST GIVE UP ON  
A LIFE THAT YOU  
CREATED.**







WAIT, WHY DID  
YOU HAVE TO TELL ME  
SUCH AN IMPORTANT  
SECRET?

IT JUST...  
CAME OUT...

**CRACKLE**



YOU NEED TO  
BE MORE CAREFUL,  
OKAY?

YEAH.

DUN DUN

...CORDIALITY...!



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